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# OHIO

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## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 45.8 degrees, 3.4 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, April 16. Precipitation averaged 0.12 inches, 0.51 inches below normal. The South Central district received the most precipitation with 0.24 inches, while the Central Hills district was the driest with only 0.07 inches of precipitation. Growing degree days for the week were 10 points below normal.

Reporters rated 1.5 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, April 14. This is 1.6 days behind last year and 1.0 days behind the 1995-99 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2000	1.5	2.3	7.0
1999	3.1	5.0	13.3
1995-1999	2.5	4.0	10.3

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	1	6	73	20
Last Week	2	16	61	21
Same Week Last Year	2	9	65	24
1995-1999 Average	1	4	58	37

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 16

Respondents estimate 2 percent of the **corn** crop is planted, 9 days behind last year and 1 day behind the 1995-99 average. Fifty-three percent of the **oat** crop is planted. This is approximately 4 days behind last year but 3 days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Oats are 26 percent emerged, on schedule with last year and 6 days ahead of the five year average. **Winter wheat** advanced 16 points to 36 percent

jointed. This is 3 days ahead of last year and about 3 days ahead of the 1995-99 average. **Tobacco** producers have 69 percent of their beds seeded, about 4 days behind last year. Twenty-five percent of tobacco beds have plants up, about 4 days behind 1999. **Potatoes** are 12 percent planted. This is 8 days behind last year but 2 days ahead of the 1995-99 average. **Sugarbeets** advanced 6 points to 9 percent planted.

**Apples** are 75 percent in green tip and 19 percent in full bloom. Last year at this time, apples were 67 percent in green tip. **Peaches** are 72 percent in green tip and 44 percent in full bloom, compared to 70 percent and 44 percent in 1999, respectively.

Activities throughout the state include applying anhydrous ammonia, fertilizer, and lime; hauling manure, plowing, chiseling, discing, applying pre-emergence herbicides, burning brush, clearing fence rows, equipment maintenance and preparation, installing tile, moving grain, sowing oats and alfalfa seedings, planting grasses and legumes, marketing grain, top dressing wheat, seeding peppers, culling unproductive livestock, and buying seed.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reporters rated 85 percent of the winter wheat crop in good to excellent condition. Pastures conditions were rated 90 percent fair to excellent. Recent rains have helped pastures recover. However, growth is still slow in many areas due to cold temperatures. Poor pastures conditions were reported in Harrison, Tuscarawas, and Greene counties. Athens and Jackson county reporters mentioned frost damage in apple and peach orchards. Maple syrup producers in Ashland county suffered an estimated 75 percent reduction in sap yields.

Livestock are reported in good to excellent condition, although hay supplies are running low in areas such as Ashland county. Calving and lambing are progressing normally throughout the state. Routine livestock activities such as tagging and selling calves were reported throughout the state.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 16

Crop	2000	1999	1995-99 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn planted	2	6	3	1	4
Oats planted	53	65	46	38	29
Oats emerged	26	28	14	9	NA
Potatoes planted	12	27	11	8	NA
Sugarbeets planted	9	NA	NA	3	NA
Tobacco beds seeded	69	82	NA	63	NA
Tobacco beds having plants up	25	31	NA	23	NA
Winter wheat jointed	36	29	17	20	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 16

PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	8	30	47	13
Previous Week	1	8	29	48	14
Previous Year	1	4	23	56	16
WINTER WHEAT					
Current Week	0	1	14	51	34
Previous Week	0	1	12	53	34
Previous Year	0	1	10	56	33
APPLES					
Current Week	4	5	19	61	11
Previous Week	3	2	20	62	13
Previous Year	0	1	19	58	22
PEACHES					
Current Week	5	12	21	52	10
Previous Week	4	9	18	58	11
Previous Year	0	2	25	51	22
HAY					
Current Week	1	8	28	50	13
Previous Week	1	6	27	53	13
Previous Year	0	3	20	61	16

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 16

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr. 1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr. 1	Dev.
Northwest	44.3	-3.6	0.09	-0.49	1.00	-0.61	30	-7	60	-9
North Central	44.4	-3.3	0.08	-0.50	2.52	0.89	28	-7	55	-12
Northeast	44.8	-1.9	0.11	-0.46	3.67	1.93	27	-7	51	-16
West Central	46.1	-3.0	0.09	-0.56	2.88	1.05	32	-10	69	-12
Central	46.0	-3.9	0.08	-0.58	3.10	1.21	35	-10	74	-15
Central Hills	44.6	-3.5	0.07	-0.53	3.50	1.65	28	-10	58	-18
Northeast Hills	44.7	-3.8	0.14	-0.45	3.27	1.43	30	-12	61	-21
Southwest	47.5	-3.6	0.09	-0.63	3.12	1.11	36	-14	81	-18
South Central	48.3	-3.4	0.24	-0.42	2.23	0.36	43	-14	103	-12
Southeast	46.2	-3.9	0.20	-0.45	2.42	0.49	38	-12	86	-14
STATE	45.8	-3.4	0.12	-0.51	2.70	0.88	33	-10	71	-14

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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